



A Service for the Worship of God | September 28, 2025 |
10:45am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHIMES

PRELUDE.....*Andante*.....William Selby

INTROIT.....*I'll Praise My Maker*.....OLD 113TH
The Sanctuary Choir Lloyd Pfautsch

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers:
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
The Lord supports the fainting mind;
He sends the laboring conscience peace.
He helps the stranger in distress,
The widow and the fatherless,
And grants the prisoner sweet release.

†CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life.

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

The Lord upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The Lord reigns forever for all generations.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, my soul!

†HYMN, No. 711.....*Lord of All Good*.....TOULON
Accompanied by The Jordan Street Ringers

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we have sinned against you and against others. We have sinned by doing the unloving things that we have done. We have sinned by failing to do the loving things that we could do. We are truly sorry. In your mercy, forgive us. In your wisdom, guide us. In the power of your love, renew us. May we become the people you have created us to be. We ask this in the name of our one Creator/Christ/Spirit God. Amen.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)

RESPONSE, No. 576.....*Lord, Have Mercy*.....SINGAPURA
(A soloist will sing this first; congregation and choir will join the second time.)

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†ACT OF PRAISE.....*Gloria Patri*.....MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another saying: **“The peace of Christ be with you.”**

Respond by saying: **“And also with you.”**

THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN.....Lynace Veit

Children: God be with you as you stay.

Congregation: God be with you as you go.

Children may exit at this time. Parents of children ages 3 years and younger may take their children to the CE building for Extended Session, Room CE 103. Children 4 years old through first grade may exit for Worship Center on the third floor, Room 322.

RESPONSE, No. 462.....*I Love to Tell the Story*.....HANKEY

I love to tell the story	It satisfies my longings
Of unseen things above,	As nothing else could do.
Of Jesus and his glory,	I love to tell the story;
Of Jesus and his love.	‘Twill be my theme in glory
I love to tell the story,	To tell the old, old story
Because I know ‘tis true;	Of Jesus and his love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING.....Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Pew Bible, page 805 | Large Print, page 1047
Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 16:19-31
Pew Bible, page 75 | Large Print, page 97
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....*Bridging Chasms*.....Rev. Gayle Hansen Browne, ThD

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

†HYMN No. 769.....*For Everyone Born*.....FOR EVERYONE BORN

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION.....Church Facilities Ministry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY.....*Poor Man Lazrus*.....arr. Jester Hairston
Gwenyth Sell, soprano

Poor man Lazrus, sick and disabled, (Dip your finger in the water, Come and cool my tongue, 'Cause I'm tormented in the flame.) He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table. Rich man Divies, he lived so well,	And when he died, he went straight to hell. I love to shout, I love to sing, I love to praise my heavenly King. (Dip your finger in the water, Come and cool my tongue, 'Cause I'm tormented in the flame.)
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†**DOXOLOGY, No. 606**.....OLD HUNDREDTH
Accompanied by the Youth Bells and The Jordan Street Ringers

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†**HYMN, No. 772**.....*Live into Hope*.....TRURO

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†**RESPONSE, No. 80**.....*You Shall Go Out with Joy*.....THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy And be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills Will break forth before you; There'll be shouts of joy, And all the trees of the field Will clap, will clap their hands.	And all the trees of the field Will clap their hands; The trees of the field Will clap their hands; The trees of the field Will clap their hands While you go out with joy.
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†**POSTLUDE**.....*Festival Postlude in G*.....W. Eugene Thayer

† *Worshippers standing if able*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald Leroy Hall
by his loving wife Gwen and family.*

Liturgist: Gene Hodgson

Worship Center: Kristen Ogden, Jane Sugar

Ushers: Carole Mullen, Danny Mullen, David Richardson, Brandy Williams, Michael Williams,
Susan Lavergne

Acolytes: Caroline and David Guy

Worship Notes

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS. This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance sheet.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children elementary age and younger. Inside each bag a variety of worship aids can be found to help children participate fully in worship, including bookmarks, children's bulletins, crayons, pencils, and more! Worship Bags can be found in the narthex and at the front entrances of the sanctuary. Please return them at the end of the service. Children's Bibles are also available for children's use during worship.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP! Childcare is provided if needed. The Infant and Toddler nursery is found in CE 106 & 108. Children ages 3 years and younger may go to the CE building for Extended Session, Room CE 103. A comfort and cry room is located on the same floor as the sanctuary, behind the gathering area, around the corner and down the hall from the elevators. The cry room is equipped with a speaker, so you will be able to hear the worship service while there.

WE WELCOME Rev. Dr. Gayle Hansen Browne to our worship today! Dr. Browne is a spiritual director, writer, conference speaker, and Episcopal priest with a Doctor of Theology degree (ThD) from Kairos University, Northwind Theological Seminary. Her M.A. in Theology is from the Episcopal School of Theology, University of the South. She has served Episcopal churches in both the Diocese of East Tennessee and the Diocese of Southern Ohio, as rector, vicar, and sometimes priest associate. Dr. Browne has recently authored *Wild Geese Rising: Living Prayer as Moment-by-Moment Contemplative Action*. She grew up in Shreveport, where she graduated from St. Vincent's Academy, and currently lives in Knoxville, Tennessee. Having retired from active clergy status in 2016, Dr. Browne currently serves part-time as Priest Associate for Liturgy at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, an historically black church in inner-city Knoxville.

PRAYER LIST - FOR HEALING, PEACE, AND COMFORT:

Martha Fitch, Mary Ann Shaw, Joy Young, Zama Dexter, Jean and Jerry Sayres,
Jean Mendenhall, Leigh Taylor, Erika Asseff, Stephen Roberts, Josh Kilpatrick, Susie Nunnally,
Ken Copeland, Lorna Rodman, Michael Avery, Phillip Ponder, Rocky Laha, Vernon Chance, Claudia Engi
Please keep the church staff updated on those who are listed.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Mary Blackman and family, Cheryl Marshall and family, Patti Shelton and family,
family and friends of Bettye Leslie, Cindy and Les Morgan and family, Bill Sniffen and family,
family of Marilyn Gallagher, Mary Anne Selber, Anne Jenkins and family, Peggy Guilbert and family,
Marilyn Madison and family, Glenn Jackson, family of Jean Carroll, Amy Bowman and family

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING:

Ryan Markham, U.S. Navy; Jennifer Markham, U.S. Navy; Reed Markham, U.S. Army; Evan Akers,
U.S. Army; Josh Freidel, U.S. Navy; Evan Richey

CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Lynace Pabst Veit.....Pastor for Children and Family Ministries
Dr. Hollice S. Watson.....Organist/Choir Director
Dakota Dunn.....Youth Director
Ginger Garfield.....Church Administrator
Kathy Booth.....Director of First Presbyterian Day School
Susan W. Abney.....Communications Director
Jan Melton.....Church Librarian
Tanna McAteer.....Church Secretary
Lona L. Lockard.....Staff Secretary
Jeff A. McKenzie.....Sexton/Maintenance Coordinator
Sheri Rowell.....Kitchen Coordinator
Jacob Dickson.....Pastoral Care Coordinator

SESSION MINISTRY MODERATORS:

Calvin Head.....Administration
Gene Hodgson.....Church Facilities
Simone Hennessee.....Stewardship
Karen Day.....Congregational Life
Anne Jenkins.....Welcome Ministry
Piper Moritz.....Adult Ministries
Brett McCulloch.....Youth Ministry
April Carberry.....Children's Ministries
Brandy Williams.....Worship Ministry
Amy Bowman.....Outreach Ministry
Robin Jones.....Clerk of Session

DEACON, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN & STOER MODERATORS:

Mary Bush-Board of Deacons; Ann Morell-Presbyterian Women; Liz LaBorde-Stoer Committee

IN OUR OUTREACH CENTER:

Volunteers for Youth Justice/CASA - Kelli Todd, Director
Youth Outreach Services – Jewell House

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SECURITY OFFICERS:

Corp. Srederick Matthews 230-3628
Ofc. Troy Jackson 453-3908

WEEKLY LINK – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Current Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 28

9:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir – CE Building

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:45 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service – In-Person - Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the Website:
<https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and First Presbyterian Facebook Page

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Youth Volunteering at the Revel

5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room

MONDAY, September 29

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

12:00 p.m. – AA

TUESDAY, September 30

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

5:15 p.m. – PNC Meeting – Conference Room

5:15 p.m. - Worship Ministry Meeting – PW Suite

6:00 p.m. – Children’s and Youth Ministry Mental Health Training – Session Room

WEDNESDAY, October 1

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

5:15 p.m. – Children’s Ministry – CE Building

5:15 p.m. – Youth Ministry Meeting – Conference Room

THURSDAY, October 2

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

6:15 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

FRIDAY, October 3

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Prayer Breakfast - Gym

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. – AA

SUNDAY, October 5

9:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir Rehearsal – CE Building

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

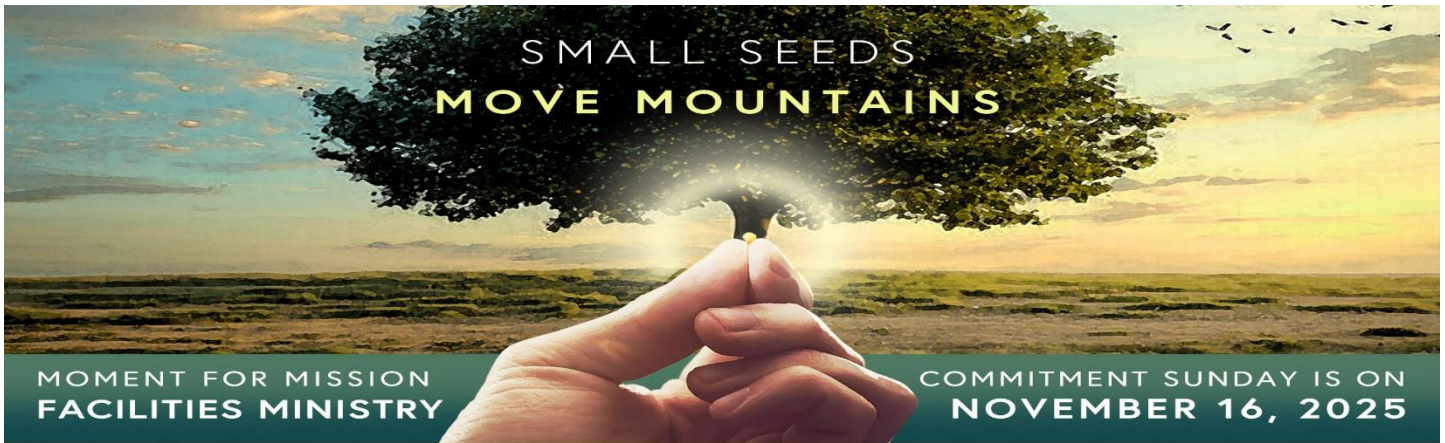
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6:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Fourth Floor Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



“Small seeds moved mountains with support through endowment funds and the operating budget to ensure the ongoing maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds, addressing both preventive care and significant issues as they arise. These efforts were completed behind the scenes. Last year, \$397,555 was allocated for improvements that enhance our experience during worship services and events at First Presbyterian Church. In 2024, the first all-church work day brought together many volunteers to support these initiatives.”

-Gene Hodgson | Church Facilities Moderator



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Plan to join us at the Men's Prayer Breakfast on the first Friday of the month 7:00-8:00am in the gym.

FRIDAY, OCT 3RD

PLEASE RSVP BY OCT 1ST

THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:18-39

Breakfast | Fellowship | Bible Study

the University of First Presbyterian presents a musical evening
WITH INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MEXICAN PIANIST
Dr. Astrid Morales Torres

WEDNESDAY, OCT 8 | 6:00PM

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

PROGRAM: Astrid Morales Torres's extraordinary performances have been appreciated by audiences around the world, including the U.S., Europe, Mexico and Latin America. In her intensive career as a soloist, she is an advocate of Latin American music and active performer of Mexican music. She will be performing several works from her primary field as well as related works from Copland, Bolcom and Gerhwin that she has performed with symphony orchestras across the U.S. and Mexico. We invite you to read about her extensive credentials and talent on her website: ASTRIDMORELESTORRES.COM

PERFORMANCE IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
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LET'S TALK: MENTAL HEALTH

A TRAINING SESSION FOR PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS OF OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

hosted by First Presbyterian's Youth & Children's Ministries

SEPTEMBER 30TH
@6:00PM IN THE SESSION ROOM

